(a) whether it is a fact that recently he has released the "Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environment Protection";

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the complete details of the voluntary agencies, NGOs and Government departments which have come forward or the Ministry sought their help in pollution control and clean environment; and

(d) whether any machinery has been put in place to monitor the implementation of pollution control measures; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) and (b) The Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection (CREP) was released on 13th March, 2003. It is a road map for progressive improvemental in environmental management system with a detailed action plan for compliance with existing standards and beyond in respect of highly polluting industries.

(c) and (d) The Charter has been drawn in consultation with various agencies including Industrial Associations, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Research and Development Institutions and Individual Experts. The Central and State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committees and the industry specific Task Forces monitor the implementation of pollution control measures.

Eviction of Adivasis from Forest Land

3783. SHRI RANGANATH MISRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government accept that Adivasis have been living in Indian forests for thousands of years and using the forest products for their overall requirements;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of India which is promoting its forest policy for the next 20 years have recommended as joint responsibility for the forest management by the Adivasis and forest officers; and

(c) whether in that context, how is that the Adivasis are being forcibly evicted from the forests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) :(a) Yes, Sir. Adivasis have been inhabiting the forest areas and using the forest products for their overall requirements since time immemorial.

(b) Yes, Sir. Joint Forest Management is being practised as an efficient tool for protecting and managing the forests with the active involvement of people (including Adivasis) living in and around the forests.

(c) The Ministry have already issued guidelines under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for regularisation of eligible categories of encroachments which took place prior to enactment of the Act (25-10-1980). However, encroachments, which have taken place after 25-10-1980 or ineligible categories of encroachments, are to be evicted from the forest areas. For regularisation of encroachments on forestland including settlement of disputted claims of Adivasis, the Ministry has issued guidelines termed Tribal-Forest Interface on 18-09-90. All States/Union Territories have been reminded on 03-05-2002 and 30-10-2002 to follow the guidelines.

Projects for cleaning rivers

3784. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing projects for cleaning rivers in the country;

(b) the details of the allocations made for each, amount spent so far and the net results achieved ; and

(c) whether the results achieved match with those expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) :(a) The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) to cover pollution abatement works in 156 towns along polluted stretches of 30 rivers spread over 17 States.

(b) The details of the river-wise and State-wise allocations made, funds released and number of projects sanctioned and completed under National River Conservation Plan are enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)